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SUBJECT: GHANA DEBT: SECOND ROUND NEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 39310

1. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
MARTIN LEQUESNE FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROBERT
SMITH:

2. "THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE. I SYMPATHIZE WITH
YOUR CONCERN TO AVOID A CREDITORS' MEETING, BUT THOUGH
OBJECTIVELY WE MAY NOT THINK THAT ONE IS REALLY
NECESSARY, WE MUST TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE STAND THE
GERMANS HAVE TAKEN.

3. "I BELIEVE GEHRING IS HAVING DIFFICULTY WITH HIS
AUTHORITIES AND HE, OR THEY, MAY HAVE THE IMPRESSION
THAT WE ARE TRYING TO STAMPEDE THE OTHER CREDITORS.
IT MAY HELP GEHRING WITH HIS PEOPLE, AND ULTIMATELY
MAKE THINGS EASIER FOR THE REST OF US, IF WE HAVE THE
MEETING NOW AND TRY TO REACH COMMON GROUND ON OUR
POLICY AND TACTICS.

. "IF WE ARE STILL TO GO TO ROME THE WEEK AFTER NEXT
WE MUST HAVE OUR POSITION AS ADEQUATELY PREPARED AS
POSSIBLE AND, AS THINGS HAVE TURNED OUT, I JUST DO NOT
SEE HOW WE COULD HOPE TO ACHIEVE THIS BY LEAVING EVERY-
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THING TO A PRELIMINARY CAUCUS JUST BEFORE THE CONFER-

ENCE OPENS AS YOU SUGGEST.

5. "I REALIZE, OF COURSE, THAT YOUR OWN SCHEDULE LIKE
MINE IS NOW VERY TIGHT INDEED. PLEASE DO NOT THINK WE
EXPECT YOU TO COME IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES MUCH AS I WOULD
LIKE TO SEE YOU AGAIN. I AM SURE JIM BISHOP OR SOMEONE
FROM THE EMBASSY COULD COVER FOR YOU." ANNENBERG

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